

Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:**CLAIMS :**

1-14 (cancelled)

15. (new) An antimicrobial compound obtainable by culturing *Pseudozyma flocculosa* in a culture medium and characterized by the following NMR and MS spectra: FABMS: 877.5 (M+Na⁺); LCMSMS 75 eV: 853 (M-, 18), 836 (5), 759 (5), 753 (19), 711 (100), 669 (21), 651 (15), 605 (14), 573 (28), 517 (11), 507 (28), 350 (8), 143 (9); IR: 3422 cm⁻¹, 2926 cm⁻¹, 2854 cm⁻¹, 1744 cm⁻¹, 1246 cm⁻¹, 1073 cm⁻¹, 1044 cm⁻¹. ¹HNMR (MeOH-d₄): 5.3-3.3 ppm (19H, mm), 2.5 ppm (2H, d), 2.3 ppm (2H, m), 2.2 ppm (3H, s), 2.1 ppm (3H, s), 1.5-1.3 ppm (30H, broad doublet), 1.0 ppm (3H, t); ¹³CNMR (MeOH-d₄): 176 ppm, 170 ppm, 170 ppm, 170 ppm, 104 ppm, 101 ppm, 80 ppm, 77 ppm, 75 ppm, 74 ppm, 73 ppm, 73 ppm, 72 ppm, 72 ppm, 70 ppm, 69 ppm, 68 ppm, 68 ppm, 63 ppm, 61 ppm, 43 ppm, 42 ppm, 36 ppm, 32 ppm, 29 ppm (11 superimposed carbon atoms), 25 ppm, 22 ppm, 19 ppm, 19 ppm, 13 ppm.

16. (new) An antimicrobial composition comprising an antimicrobially effective amount of the compound according to claim 1 or a salt thereof in admixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

17. (new) Use of a compound according to claim 1 or a salt thereof as an antimicrobial.

18. (new) Use of a compound according to claim 1 or a salt thereof for the treatment of a microbial infection.

19. (new) A method for the preparation of the compound according to claim 1, which comprises the step of cultivating *Pseudozyma flocculosa* in a culture medium and isolating said compound from the culture medium.

20. (new) A method for the treatment of a microbial infection comprising administering to a subject an antimicrobially effective amount of the composition according to claim 16.